

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The optical disk controller of this invention that reduces the frequency of output of status reports to relieve the burden of a system controller includes: a status generator for generating status reports each representing the operation state of the optical disk controller every sector of a disk; and a status sampling section for sampling the status reports at a set sampling interval. When a generated status report matches with "sampling abort" status stored in a sampling category storing portion, status sampling is aborted.

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